



EXHIBIT A

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TITLE APPL Trial 76 Verify Conditions for

Acumer 9932 to Meet CS-10 Target 5K
with Post-Treatment to Target NGCF Hunter L + b

APPL Trial T-76

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Objectives:

- Verify that 4.0% Acumer 9932 with 0.70% SHP cross-linking at 380°F will meet CS-10 target 5K.
- Determine the alkaline hydrogen peroxide post-treatment requirements (0 to 5 lbs/ADMT) to attain target NGCF Hunter L and b.
- Work Safely (See Safety Section)

Safety:

- Review MSDS's for all chemicals.
- Use proper personnel protective gear when handling the 50% hydrogen peroxide solution - goggles, face shield and rubber gloves. Other staff are to remain clear of this working area.
- Handle post-treatment solutions with care - prior to hydrogen peroxide addition, pH will be greater than 11.
- Use normal safety precautions related to working around the APPL area during its operation.

Run Conditions:

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| Pulp | CF416 |
| Pulp Linear Feed rate | 60 fpm |
| Cross-linking chemistry | Acumer 9932 |
| Impregnation Solution Concentration | 7.2% solids |
| Impregnation Solution pH | Adjust to pH of 2-2.1 |
| Target Hammermill Feed Consistency | 61% |
| Target Chemical on ODCF Pulp | 4.0% 9932 and 0.70% SHP (all as 100% Purity) |
| Impregnation Solution Rotameter Setting | 41.8% of scale reading |
| Nominal Cure Temperature | 380 °F |
| Nominal Cure Time | 8 minutes |
| Target Product Moisture | 6% |
| Remoisturization Rotameter Setting | 60% of scale reading (Water Pressure - 20 psi with air pressure adjusted to achieve this setting, approximately 28 psi.) |
| Remoisturization Solutions | See Run Matrix - Post-treatment |

| Remoisturization Solutions Composition | | | | | |
|--|--|---------------|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| Run ID | Target | | Post-Treatment Solution Make-up | | |
| | H ₂ O ₂ lbs/ADMT | NaOH lbs/ADMT | Water lbs | NaOH grams | 50% H ₂ O ₂ Solution mls |
| A | 0 | 0 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| B | 1 | 0 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 101.9 |
| C | 2 | 0 | 16.5 | 0.0 | 202.2 |
| D | 5 | 0 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 494.1 |
| E | 0 | 2 | 16.7 | 120.1 | 0.0 |
| F | 1 | 2 | 16.5 | 119.2 | 100.3 |
| G | 2 | 2 | 16.2 | 118.3 | 199.1 |
| H | 5 | 2 | 15.5 | 115.6 | 486.7 |

Add the peroxide to the water/NaOH solution just prior to dumping into the remoisturization tank to keep the peroxide as active as possible.

Samples:

Pulp Feed Rolls: 2 sample per roll (lead and tail)

Hammermill Feed: 3 samples per run condition

Baler Feed: 5 samples at steady state operation at least 2 minutes apart for each condition

In addition to the material bagged for analysis, collect and bag at least 2 kg of material at each condition for later customer samples.

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